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Hi Burt. Back in May 2008 at one of the Portland Harbor issues resolutions meetings, you said that you agreed that upstream fish tissue data could be presented in the BERA risk characterization "for information purposes." You even went so far as to say that you'd present them if you were writing the BERA, and you cautioned against using them to subtract out background risk.

Unfortunately, the way it got documented was that the data shouldn't be "used" in the risk assessment but could be presented in the RI for informational purposes. Based on what you said, I'm assuming that the data may be presented in the BERA risk characterization for informational purposes, because the BERA is part of the RI, but that they can't be used to influence risk conclusions (e.g., to subtract out "background" risk, or even to define background risk). They're just context. Is that consistent with what you articulated at the May '08 meeting?

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